PARENTS CAN HELP SUPPORT STUDENT ATTENDANCE!

- Make school a priority.
- Establish before school and bedtime routines.
- Encourage school attendance!
- Be an involved parent at school!
- Let the school know how we can support you!

95% IS THE EXPECTED SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RATE!
STUDENTS SHOULD MISS LESS THAN 10 SCHOOL DAYS PER SCHOOL YEAR!
- Indiana Dept. of Education -

CALL YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT OR LATE TO SCHOOL!

BOSTON: 326-6930
KESLING: 362-7507

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COUNTS:
EVERY DAY
EVERY STUDENT
ALL DAY
If you are bored: Hang in there, the reality is, sometimes life is boring. Find something at school to get involved in that keeps you interested.

If you are behind: Don’t make the situation worse by missing more school or not completing your homework. The more you attend school, the easier things will get.

If you think nobody cares: You are wrong. Your teachers, principal, counselor and family care about your school success.

If you are tired: Middle school students need at least 9 hours of sleep each night. Set your priorities—homework first, then friends and activities. Turn off the electronics.

If you don’t feel good: A healthy young person shouldn’t miss more than a few days of school each year. If you have a medical problem see your doctor if your health doesn’t improve.

If you are stressed: Life can be stressful. If you need help, ask for help. Your teachers, counselors or a trusted adult can assist you.

If you think you have better things to do: Seriously, there is nothing more important than your future. Go to school.

If you don’t understand what is being taught: Ask for help now, before you fall more behind. Ask a teacher or a peer to assist you. Don’t be shy, everyone needs help from time to time.

If you don’t feel safe or you feel you don’t fit in: We want our schools to be a safe place to learn for everyone. Tell a trusted adult, teacher or school counselor about what is going on and they can help problem-solve a solution.

A high school drop-out earns approximately only $18,734 annually

A high school graduate earns approximately only $27,915 annually.

A college graduate with a bachelor degree earns approximately $51,206 annually.

An advance degree holder earns approximately $74,602 annually.

A parent/guardian’s failure to call the school and report a student’s absence will be recorded as an unexcused absence.

If a parent/guardian or the school does not know the whereabouts of a student during any portion of the school day it will be recorded as a truancy.

Ten (10) or more unexcused absences meets the definition of a habitual truant.

Chronic absenteeism and habitual truancy will be referred to legal authorities.

When a student misses too much school, grades will suffer. Once behind, a student’s grades suffer. A student will have to work twice as hard to catch up. DON’T FALL BEHIND!
“I’m bored!”
So maybe you are in a class that you must take to graduate, but it is not a topic of interest to you. The reality is, sometimes life is boring, but your attitude makes a difference. What you contribute to the class can make a difference to you and your peers!

“I’m behind!”
If you keep missing school, your grades won’t improve. So don’t make things worse for yourself. The more you attend school the better your outcome will be.

“I’m tired!”
Did you know that middle and high school students need 9 hours of sleep every night? Turn off the electronics! How you spend your time in and out of school determines your future success. Please set your alarm!

“I don’t feel good!”
Every one doesn’t feel good once in a while. But a student shouldn’t miss more than 9 school days during the entire school year. If you think you have a medical problem tell your parent, school nurse or a trusted adult and get help.

“I just don’t get what is being taught!”
If you are having trouble in class, you need to let your teacher know. If you don’t, you will just get further behind. Ask your teacher, another adult, or a peer for help. Don’t worry, you are not alone, no one is good at all things.

“I’m scared!”
Are you being bullied, teased or feel like you just don’t fit in? Tell a parent, trusted adult or school staff. They can help give you strategies to deal with your situation or step in on your behalf.

“I’ve got better things to do!” SERIOUSLY? What is more important than preparing for your future? TODAY you open or close doors for your future. No one else can do what YOU need to do.

“I’m so stressed!”
Life can be stressful. Tests, preparing for college or a career are big steps in your education. Family and or peer challenges can get you down too. Ask for help! Everyone needs help at some time in their life.

“I’ll catch up later!”
The attitude of “later” tends to snowball and then you will find yourself being overwhelmed or not doing your best. You will close doors to a brighter future. Make NOW a priority.

NO EXCUSES! NO EXCUSES! NO EXCUSES!